

NEW CASTLE, VA.

It has been several months since we reported our work. We moved here Aug. 1, and have had four additions to our home work since. The 4th inst. we closed a two week's meeting at Boone's chapel in Roanoke Co., with eight additions. This is one of Brother Moomaw's churches and is growing spiritually as well as numerically under so able a leader. The harvest here is so great, yet so few laborers in this part of God's vineyard. Pray for us here, and the Master's cause.

Oct. 8. J. S. BOWMAN.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE OHIO HOME MISSION BOARD.

At the state conference at Ashland, O., June, 1895, it was decided that the Home Mission Board should have three hundred dollars to do mission work with for the year following said conference.

The above amount was apportioned to the different churches hereafter named, according to their ability. One half to be paid by the first of October, 1895, the balance in March, 1896.

Out of twenty-nine churches named in the apportionment, nine responded with the following amounts, the others are all delinquent, notwithstanding two appeals through the EVANGELIST in as kind a way as I knew how, and lastly I wrote a private letter to each delinquent church. Following are the names of churches with their apportionment, and the amount paid including both payments:

Place.	Apportionment		Delinquent
Ashland	\$11 00		
Ankenytown	13 50		"
Buckey City	8 00		"
Bear Creek	16 00	paid	\$8 00
Bethel	13 50		Delinquent
Bryan	5 50		"
Dayton	5 50		"
Dry Creek	5 50		"
Farmersville	5 50		"
Fair Haven	16 00	paid	16 00
Fairview	13 00	"	11 00
Homer	13 00	"	13 00
Louisville	16 00		Delinquent
Mt. Zion	8 00		"
Miamisburg	13 50	paid	13 50
Middle Branch	13 50		Delinquent
North Liberty	11 00		"
Pleasant Hill	16 00		"
Silver Creek	5 50		"
Troy	11 00		"
Winchester	13 50		"
W. Ind'p'd'nce	11 00		"
Gretna	5 50		"
W Alexandria	13 50		"
Williamstown	13 00	paid	\$11 51
N Georget'wn	11 00	"	3 70
Zions Hill	5 50	"	5 50
Bloomer	2 50	"	2 50

Pittsburg	2 50	Delinquent
Paid by Lydia Baker	1 00	
Total amount received	\$85 71	
Balance on hand at time of conference	45 00	
Total	\$131 00	

Expenditures,	
To Wm. Kiefer for Mt. Carmel Mission	\$6 00
To H. S. Jacobs for preaching at Freedom, O	5 50
To G. W. Rensch for revival services at Zions Hill, O	28 00
To C. Cripe for services at Mt. Carmel, O.	15 00
To Wm. Kiefer for revival services and monthly visits to Bloomers	51 60
Total expenditures	\$106 10
Balance in treasury	\$ 25 14

Now in conclusion I have this to say: What little money we received came in by small amounts and at long intervals did not have enough at one time to warrant any big undertaking in the Mission work. We did the best we could under the circumstances and we think God has blessed our feeble efforts.

The Zion Hill church, which was a mission post under our care, is now self-supporting and in good working order. I know of no church in Ohio where the members are more united than they are at Zions Hill and God is prospering them, although they never had a big revival at any one time, but are gradually accumulating strength. It is no uncommon thing for them to have applicants for membership at their regular appointments. A few weeks ago we received a sister by relation. At last meeting we had two applicants for baptism and good prospects for others. If the Home Mission Board had done nothing else the Zion Hill church would be worth more than all the money expended. They prosper because they work. It is but a short time when the people of that community knew but little about the Brethern church.

It is astonishing what a few faithful members can do in a neighborhood if they will. They have chosen me as their pastor and are supporting me independent of the Mission Board. When I presented the college matter before them they raised their apportionment or rather subscribed it in less than twenty minutes. The most of them are in limited circumstances, but are ready to do what they can. God bless the church at Zion Hill. Now one more explanation and I am done. Why does the secretary go down

to Bloomers to preach? We were instructed by the conference to aid weak and helpless churches rather than organize others and leave them in a helpless condition.

Last winter the Bloomer church asked the board for help to hold a protracted meeting saying they were not able to hold one themselves, but were willing to do what they could. The board agreed to help and informed them to procure a man that would suit the place. They tried to get an evangelist, but did not succeed. Finally they appealed to the secretary and the board told him to go and I did go. They told me when I came that they had no prospect of accomplishing anything by way of additions, but they wanted to live spiritually, and were very much discouraged. We went to work in the name of the Master and God abundantly blessed the humble effort. The church was very much revived and valuable additions were had to the church. But now the time came for me to go home. They asked me to come and preach for them once a month. They said Brother Mikesell could not preach for them on account of his business affairs. They liked Brother Mikesell's preaching and seemed to prosper under his ministry, but now they did not know what to do. They asked so often that I finally said that I would lay the matter before the board. They said they would do what they could towards my support if the board would help as there was no one within reach they could get. It was decided that I should preach for them once a month and I have done so, and the little church is in good working order. It would be a great pity to let them die out for want of a little help. Now I have given you the facts just as they are.

Now what! The money almost all and no conference in sight. Will those who have not paid pay their share now? Will those who did their duty continue to do well? Let us all remember that the time will soon be here when all our chances for doing good will have an end and the great day of the harvest will be here, when everyone shall reap what he has sown. Lord help us that we may not sow sparingly.

It will be but proper and right to state that Brother Tombaugh informed us that the balance of the apportionment of the Fairview church is collected and is ready to be sent but was neglected. Also the small amount of the Williamstown church is in the same way.

Henry Bowman, Pres.

D. J. Miller, Treas.

Wm. Kiefer, Sec.

Pleasant Home, O., Sept. 28, 1896.